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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE MRS JEAN MELAGA

1. EMBASSY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE FOR MS JEAN MELAGA, WIFE OF FORMIN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS, IN ARRANGING A HOME STAY WHILE MS MELAGA IS ATTENDING A WORLD BANK SEMINAR FROM JANUARY 17 TO MID-APRIL. THE PURPOSE OF THE HOME STAY WOULD BE TO IMPROVE HER ENGLISH, WHILE MAKING IN-DEPTH CONTACT WITH AMERICAN FAMILY. MS MELAGA IS AN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST IN CHARGE OF STUDIES AT THE CAMEROONIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. SHE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A ROOM AT THE CONCORDIA HOTEL IN WASHINGTON FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEMINAR, BUT GREATLY PREFERS STAY WITH AMERICAN FAMILY IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. SHE SPEAKS HALTING ENGLISH, HAS A GOOD ACADEMIC BACKGROUND IN ENGLISH AND SHOULD MAKE RAPID PROGRESS IN A HOME SETTING.

2. EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS WE ASSIST MS MELAGA. HER HUSBAND IS EQUIVALENT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY STATE FOR AMERICAN, EUROPEAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS AND PRIME CONTACT AT FORMIN FOR OUR RELATIONS. SHE IS A RISING YOUNG (ABOUT 35) CAMEROONIAN FUNCTIONARY IN HER OWN RIGHT. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CAN ARRANGE HOME STAY THROUGH WASHINGTON VISITOR BUREAU AND IF NOT PLEASE SUGGEST OTHER POSSIBILITIES FOR US TO PURSUE ON HER BEHALF.

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3. FORMER US AMBASSADOR CAMEROON C ROBERT MOORE (202) 966-9194 MAY HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS AND SHOULD, IN ANY CASE, BE INFORMED OF VISIT.
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